

Schwarzenegger

Restoring the Golden State



A Two-Year Review

Two years ago, *the people* placed their faith and trust in me, and sent me to Sacramento to serve as their governor.

When I came into office, California was struggling under the crushing burden of debt, businesses and jobs leaving our state, and politics-as-usual that stopped progress dead in its tracks.

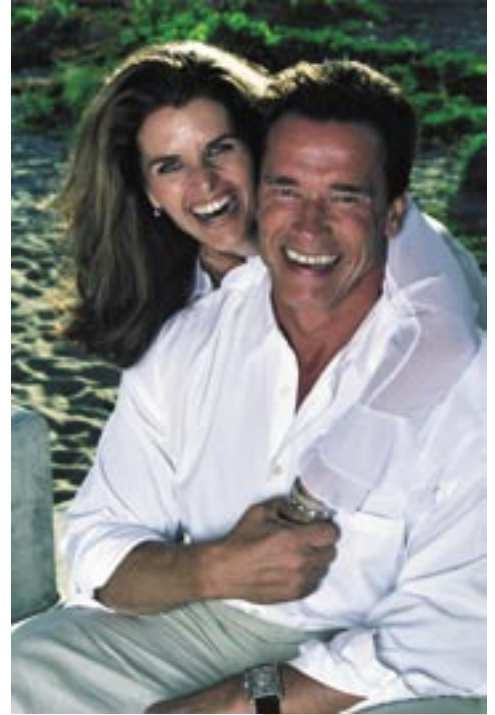
Working together, we have taken historic steps to increase education spending, strengthen our environment and invest in practical solutions to improve public health.

We have added more than 400,000 new jobs to our workforce by implementing reforms that removed the obstacles to their creation. But we are just getting started. I want to keep the momentum going to create more jobs, more hope and more opportunity for everyone in our Golden State.

The same partnership that has brought us such strong achievements so far will also enable us to build solutions for the challenges that lie ahead.

Maria and I have been honored to serve side by side with a team of qualified people who reflect the rich diversity of our state, and who have dedicated themselves to serving all Californians.

I know that working together – state and local governments, Democrats and Republicans, business and labor, the private sector and community groups, and all of you, the people – we will restore the full promise of California, the Great Machine of Progress.



Sincerely,



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Record Investment in Schools



Governor Schwarzenegger's commitment to education is unmatched. Under his leadership, California's students have seen a greater investment in schools and learning than at any time in our state's history. Nearly half of California's budget goes to our schools – \$50 billion total in 2005 and 2006. However, the barometer of success is not the amount of money going in, but the achievement of students coming out of our education system. Californians are making record investments in their children and they deserve record results. Strong schools are key to building a great future for our state and for our children.





The First Lady visits with students at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Academy, which prepares special education students for transition to adulthood, linking academic learning to vocation and independent living.

"The \$3 billion increase Schwarzenegger has urged this year is more than Prop. 98 requires."

The Riverside Press-Enterprise

Investing \$10,325 per student

Governor Schwarzenegger increased education spending by \$3 billion, the highest level California has ever seen. His budget fully supports cost-of-living increases, maintains teacher salaries among the highest in the nation, and increases per-pupil spending above \$10,000 for the first time in California's history.

Investing in teacher training

Governor Schwarzenegger's budget provides more than \$375 million for teacher training and commits \$49.5 million in new resources to improve the educational environment in the state's most challenged schools. These resources are available to schools in the lowest 30 percent of academic achievement to pay for staff development and teacher mentoring.

Unprecedented investment in new school construction

In the past two years, the state has provided more than \$2.6 billion to assist with the construction of 540 new school building projects, representing more than 7,539 new classrooms in California. This significant investment will provide classroom space for 188,341 students.

Elevating fitness standards

Understanding that the physical health of a child is important to the development of the mind, the state adopted its first-ever physical education standards, setting curriculum to ensure that all students are challenged equally to pursue good fitness habits.

Creating a bipartisan education commission on excellence

The Governor created a bipartisan education commission to bring together the brightest minds in the learning field to review funding, governance, teacher recruitment and retention and school leadership and to offer common-sense solutions to ensure that California's children get a good start in life.



Exceeding Prop. 98 requirements

The Governor's 2005-2006 budget exceeds Proposition 98 requirements, to help pay for more textbooks, healthier food and clean classrooms – investing a record \$50 billion, nearly half of the entire budget, on education.

Quickly settling the Williams lawsuit

When he took office, the Governor quickly settled the Williams lawsuit, which had been ongoing for three and a half years, agreeing on \$1 billion to help ensure qualified teachers for every student, end the shortened school calendar for some of the most over-crowded schools, and provide clean and safe school facilities and up-to-date textbooks for each student in core subjects.

Helping more teachers buy homes

The Governor is helping more teachers, especially those who work in difficult schools, buy their own homes. The California Housing Finance Agency's Extra Credit Teacher Home Purchase Program helped 362 teachers with financial assistance last year.

Adding more math, science teachers

To ensure California's students are learning the math and science skills they will need to succeed in today's technology-based economy, Governor Schwarzenegger formed the California Teach Program to quadruple the number of credentialed science and math teachers from the UC system and double the number from the CSU system.

Focusing on better health for students

The Governor has been at the forefront of restoring health and fitness to California's children by making the state's school nutrition standards the most progressive in the nation, extending the ban of sugary soft drinks in elementary and middle schools to high schools, and investing \$18.2 million to put more fruits and vegetables into California schools.

Helping students pass the exit exam

To ensure that students are getting the help they need to pass the high school exit exam in order to graduate, the Governor committed nearly \$70 million for supplemental instruction.

Advancing after-school programs

Before becoming Governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger established the After School All-Stars program in communities throughout California. As Governor, he continues to be a strong proponent of programs that give students a positive place to go after school.

Promoting hands-on learning

Helping ensure that California students are learning how to protect our state's natural resources, the Governor authorized a hands-on learning program designed to integrate environmental principles into the teaching of core subjects – bringing math, science and literature to life.

Helping low-performing schools

To promote academic achievement in California's lowest-performing schools, the Governor committed more than \$348 million to help them regain their footing.

Improving school environments

The Governor included nearly \$50 million in the budget to improve school environments, provide support services for teachers and principals, expand small group instruction, and provide additional time for collaboration for teachers and principals serving in challenging schools.

Supporting charter schools

The Governor continues to be a strong proponent of charter schools, enacting a new funding model that will significantly increase their available resources over the next three years. These schools provide alternative educational settings free from cumbersome bureaucratic regulation in return for greater accountability for results.



Expanding Career Technical Education

Career technical training opens doors of opportunity for the bright, entrepreneurial, hard-working students in California's middle schools, high schools and community colleges. The Governor firmly believes that career technical training helps create an education system that gives students the opportunity to follow their dreams. Career tech education can be a first-class ticket to a high-paying job and a solid career in the California economy. Before Governor Schwarzenegger, career technical education was underfunded, leaving many students without valuable training opportunities. This Governor made the first significant investment in years, so that students will have more choices to build their skills for their future career paths. Career technical programs also fuel the economy by filling the workplace with highly skilled workers, and they give students the opportunity to take marketable skills from the classroom directly into the working world.

Investing \$20 million in career technical training

The Governor invested \$20 million more in career technical education to expand the availability of programs in the state's high schools and community colleges. This initiative will ensure greater opportunities for students to enter high-paying jobs.



"This is the first time a Governor has stepped up to do something."

Jim Aschwanden
California Vocational Education Alliance



Governor Schwarzenegger expanded nurse training to help meet the need for more nurses in California.



Establishing a career resource network for school counselors

A career resource network is being established to help connect school counselors with valuable information about job opportunities in technical and other vocational careers so it can be distributed to interested students.

Improving collaboration between schools and businesses

The Governor signed a measure to reinvigorate career technical education programs by improving course offerings and increasing collaboration between schools and businesses.

Helping students learn marketable skills

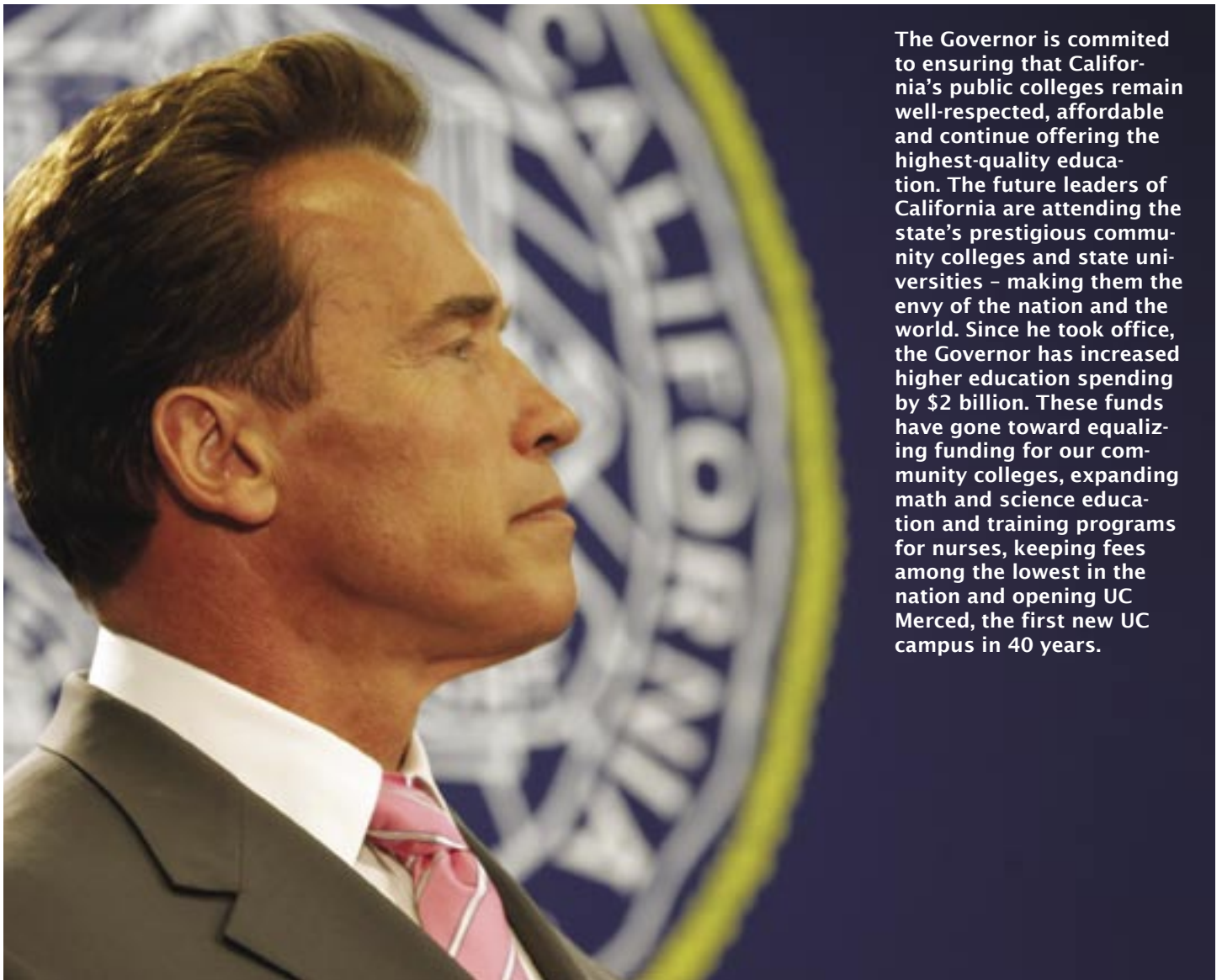
New career technical education funding will support programs that offer students experience and skills in high-need industries such as biotechnology, healthcare and multimedia.

Increasing options for middle schoolers

Career exploration programs are expanding for middle schoolers to help students and parents plan their high school coursework with an eye to the future.



Investing in California's Colleges and Universities



The Governor is committed to ensuring that California's public colleges remain well-respected, affordable and continue offering the highest-quality education. The future leaders of California are attending the state's prestigious community colleges and state universities – making them the envy of the nation and the world. Since he took office, the Governor has increased higher education spending by \$2 billion. These funds have gone toward equalizing funding for our community colleges, expanding math and science education and training programs for nurses, keeping fees among the lowest in the nation and opening UC Merced, the first new UC campus in 40 years.

Keeping community college fees the lowest in the nation

California State University and California Community College student fees are the lowest in the nation when compared to similar institutions. In fact, fees at CCC are 64 percent lower than the national average of comparable colleges. Fees at University of California campuses are 15 percent below the average for their national peer institutions.

Investing in more students

In accordance with the Higher Education Compact, the Governor kept his promise to maintain stable funding to UC and CSU for enrollment growth and basic support – \$88.7 million to add 13,000 students and \$147.8 million to fund a 3 percent increase in base budget support.



Equalization funding for community colleges

Equalization funding helps to set all of California's community colleges on equal ground. The Governor included \$30 million to establish fair and equitable funding for all students, regardless of which college they attend.

Expanding nurse training

In all, the Governor committed \$124 million to enhance nurse training – helping to expand faculty, increase training resources, and create more spots in high-demand nursing programs within colleges and universities to help relieve the state's nursing shortage.

Making a place for Hurricane Katrina's displaced students

Ensuring that displaced university students lost no time in their learning pursuit, the Governor encouraged California's community colleges and state universities to make accommodations for students from damaged or destroyed institutions.

*"[This Governor]
understands our mission
and the value of it."*

Mark Drummond
Chancellor, California Community Colleges

Protecting the CalGrant student aid program

To ensure that more students have the financial help to go to college, the Governor continued the important CalGrant student aid program, which helps students get a quality college education.

The Governor tours the new UC Merced campus with Chancellor Carol Tomlinson-Keasey. UC Merced is the first UC campus to open in 40 years.

Building for the Future and Relieving Congestion

Too many hard-working Californians are wasting precious time sitting in traffic or driving cautiously down broken roads. California has a transportation system designed for 25 million people, not the 36 million who presently call California home, nor the 42 million projected in 10 years. The Governor fully funded Proposition 42 and successfully negotiated a deal to increase California's share of federal transportation funds by 30 percent. The Governor is focused on building for the future, relieving congestion and creating the infrastructure we need to thrive.



“The Governor has made good on his pledge to make transportation a top priority.”

Riverside Press-Enterprise



Increasing transportation spending by 11 percent

Working to improve roads and reduce traffic, the Governor invested \$18 billion in the state budget for roads, highways, mass transit, vehicle licensing and registration and highway law enforcement.

Fully funding Prop. 42

For the first time since voters demanded that a portion of gas taxes be spent only on transportation projects, the Governor has fully funded Proposition 42, investing \$1.3 billion more to get California moving again – by reducing congestion, improving roads and developing an efficient transportation system.

Negotiating a deal to bring California more federal funds

The Governor joined with the California congressional delegation in a bipartisan effort to secure a fairer share of federal transportation funds for the state – more than \$28 billion through 2010, a significant 30 percent increase.

Supporting GoCalifornia to attract infrastructure investments

To continue the state’s economic growth, the Governor supports GoCalifornia, a legislative and outreach program to attract investment in California’s infrastructure improvement projects. He also has promoted alternative project planning to speed up road projects and fuel additional job creation.

Promoting California as the gateway for Pacific Rim trade

Governor Schwarzenegger traveled to China to promote and advance California’s position as the gateway to the Pacific Rim for trade, acting as a primary point of arrival and departure for goods entering and leaving the country. Goods movement provides one in seven California jobs for thousands who move, sort, repack and transport goods coming through our ports.

Allowing single occupancy hybrids into carpool lanes

The Governor supported legislation allowing single occupancy hybrids to use carpool lanes, helping to better utilize HOV lanes and create a new incentive for Californians to drive lower-polluting vehicles.

Creating the Hydrogen Highway

California has led the nation in innovative ways to use renewable energy, including founding the Hydrogen Highway. As part of his Hydrogen Highway plan, the Governor secured \$6.5 million in the budget to build hydrogen fueling stations and expand research and development programs for cleaner, reliable fuels that reduce global warming.

Negotiating a bipartisan Bay Bridge agreement

The Governor took the lead when construction costs for the new San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge went over budget, successfully solving a 15-year logjam by working with legislators and negotiating an important bipartisan agreement to complete and finance the bridge's construction.



Helping More Families Achieve the California Dream

For generations, people from across the United States and all around the world have come to the Golden State in pursuit of a better life for themselves and their children. Home ownership is an important part of the California Dream. Over the last two years, permits for new housing have increased to respond to California's housing shortage. Governor Schwarzenegger has accelerated production of thousands more affordable homes, and increased the availability of shelters for the homeless.

Helping more families buy their own homes

The state's Housing Finance Agency issued 4,398 loans for \$32.2 million through the Homebuyer's Down Payment Assistance Program to help low- to moderate-income, and first-time homebuyers – a 19 percent funding increase over the previous year.

Growing neighborhoods of homeowners

Last year, more than 500 families were helped by a state program that reduces local regulatory barriers for homeownership and provides assistance to low-income, moderate-income and first-time homebuyers. Another important housing program, CalHome, helped 1,200 low-income families buy their own homes or keep the homes they have during tough financial times.



The Governor's efforts are helping more low- to moderate-income and first-time homeowners achieve the California Dream.



Governor Schwarzenegger speaks at the Villages at Cabrillo, built to provide housing options for California's veterans.

Helping teachers buy homes

The Governor is helping teachers in challenging schools to buy homes by helping to pay down payments and closing costs.

9,000 new shelter spaces for California's homeless

As part of the Governor's Initiative to End Chronic Homelessness, the Housing and Community Development Department has expedited the award of funds to combat homelessness – enough for 66,000 more affordable homes and 9,000 shelter spaces for California's homeless.

Extending time at migrant housing centers for farm workers

Governor Schwarzenegger extended time at housing centers for farm workers and signed a law to allow agricultural employers to enter into block lease agreements with non-profit housing developers to increase affordable housing options.

Helping more veterans purchase homes

The Governor is helping more veterans purchase homes and farms by raising limits on CalVet home loans to 125 percent of the Fannie Mae limit.

Reforming Government So It Works for All Californians

All Californians deserve a government that is a partner in their lives, not a roadblock to their dreams. Since he took office, Governor Schwarzenegger has worked to improve California's business climate, streamline government processes, and initiate reforms to eliminate waste. He has supported reforms to utilize technological advances to make government more convenient and efficient, called on agencies and departments to use responsible practices, and eliminated 11 unnecessary boards and commissions.

Leveraging the state's purchasing power

Under the California Strategic Sourcing Initiative, the state is leveraging its enormous purchasing power and driving down prices using sound management principles. Based on contracts put in place over the last 12 months, the Department of General Services expects California to save more than \$150 million over the next three years.

Expanding Internet licensing to enhance convenience

The state expanded I-licensing, enabling more Californians to conveniently renew their driver's licenses over the Internet. Other agencies have made online forms more readily available to enhance efficiency and improve convenience for Californians.

Slashing wait times at DMV

Under the Governor's leadership, waiting times in local DMV offices were slashed from 1 hour to 21 minutes.

Increasing technology efficiency

The Governor consolidated several departments into the Department of Technology Services to increase government efficiency and eliminate wasteful duplication – improving technology services provided to state agencies and the people they serve.

Initiating a pilot program to cut duplicative inmate processing systems

The Governor approved a new pilot program to allow state prisons to transfer medical and other processing documents collected by county holding facilities directly into prisons – eliminating the need for state prison officials to conduct the same tests.

Governor Schwarzenegger and legislative leaders reach consensus on the budget.

"This Governor has shown more courage than any Governor we've had in the past 100 years ..."

Senator
Tom McClintock



Partnering With Cities and Counties

Governor Schwarzenegger has worked to protect local government funds from state raids, ensuring that California's counties, cities and towns are better equipped to respond to their communities' needs. Working together with local governments, the Governor helped pass Propositions 1A, 57 and 58 to protect their funding. In addition, his efforts are helping local communities attract new business investments, keep police on the street and parks maintained, and ensure other important services are available to the public.

Repaying local governments one year early

Governor Schwarzenegger kept his promise to California's communities, securing \$1.2 billion to backfill vehicle license fees to cities and counties one year ahead of schedule – protecting local funds from state raids and ensuring cities and counties have more money to pay for services such as firefighting, police and libraries.

Awarding traffic safety grants

The Governor's Office of Traffic Safety awarded \$74.9 million in traffic safety grants to a wide range of innovative, results-driven programs to improve road and highway safety. Programs that were funded will address drunken driving prevention, pedestrian and bicycle safety, emergency medical services and other safety programs.

Designating three new Enterprise Zones

The Governor designated new Enterprise Zones in Modesto, Brawley and Barstow using special state and local incentives to promote business investment and job creation – the first new Enterprise Zones since 1998. By encouraging entrepreneurship and employer growth, the program strives to create and sustain economic expansion in local communities.

Creating the San Joaquin Valley Partnership

The Governor established the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley – a model for effective collaboration between state and local governments to improve the economy and enhance quality of life by addressing local problems such as unemployment, air quality and education.

The Governor presents a check to the City of Redding as part of his work to repay local governments one year early to backfill vehicle license fees.



"Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has committed the state to getting more involved in solving many of the San Joaquin Valley's most difficult problems. It's a move that's long overdue."

Fresno Bee

Reimbursing local governments for natural disasters

To help reimburse local governments, the Governor committed state funds for costs stemming from the Southern California wildfires and Central Coast earthquake in 2003, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta levee break and Shasta County wildfire in 2004, and severe rainstorms in Southern California in 2005.

Protecting funds for rural law enforcement

The Governor secured \$18.5 million for rural and small county law enforcement to help support basic protections. He also allocated \$100 million to continue the Citizens' Option for Public Safety Program, which provides funding to agencies for crime-fighting efforts.

Combating West Nile Virus

To combat the spread of the deadly West Nile Virus, the Governor provided \$12 million in supplemental funding to help local governments enhance existing programs and expand efforts in areas of the state not currently covered by mosquito control services.

Investing in rural crime prevention

Helping prevent, catch and prosecute crimes against the agricultural community, the Governor invested \$3.6 million in the Rural Crime Prevention Program. The money is helping fight a variety of crimes that affect farmers.



"[He] is paying us back earlier than expected. The Governor was the architect who put this together."

Bill Kelly
Arcadia City Manager



Since taking office, Governor Schwarzenegger has made it a priority to collect California's fair share from the federal government. The Governor has vowed to get California's fiscal house in order and has been working with Washington to obtain a greater portion of federal dollars. He has finalized agreements that equal hundreds of millions of dollars in savings, helping get California back on track. The Governor will not stop pursuing more money for programs that improve California roads, hospitals, homeland security and quality of life.

\$28.22 billion for highway and transit projects

The Governor worked with key local stakeholders, community leaders and Congress to secure passage of a new federal transportation bill that will provide at least \$28.22 billion for California's highway and transit needs through 2010.

\$18.4 billion for safety net hospitals

Helping to support the state's important safety net hospital network, the Governor negotiated a new \$18.4 billion federal waiver, with \$3.3 billion in new federal funds to provide vital healthcare services for Medi-Cal beneficiaries and the uninsured.

\$235 million annually to increase nursing home rates

Governor Schwarzenegger obtained federal approval of \$235 million annually in new funding to increase Medi-Cal rates for nursing homes, which will help produce better wages for staff, money to improve facilities and better quality of care for residents.

\$195 million annually for healthcare improvements

Governor Schwarzenegger obtained federal government approval for \$195 million annually in new federal funding to support healthcare quality improvements for the developmentally disabled and those served by Medi-Cal managed care plans.

\$340 million annually for in-home care

Understanding the value of in-home care, Governor Schwarzenegger helped obtain nearly \$1.7 billion in new federal funding to support Medi-Cal healthcare coverage to include in-home care services, allowing many elderly Californians to stay in their own homes. The federal funds offer financial support to parents and spouses who provide in-home care to family members who are elderly or disabled.

\$100 million in additional federal reimbursements

Under the Governor's leadership, the state Department of Health Services has worked closely with local governments to maximize federal reimbursements for Medi-Cal administrative costs, helping bring additional dollars back to the state.

\$220 million spared for delayed automated child support system

Working closely with the California congressional delegation, the Governor successfully postponed a \$220 million federal penalty incurred from the previous administration for delaying automation of the state's child support system. The Schwarzenegger administration is now working to implement program improvements to end this annual penalty for good.

Governor Schwarzenegger meets in Washington with the California congressional delegation.



\$294 million penalty relief and release of federal funds

The Schwarzenegger administration has worked closely with numerous federal agencies to improve California's management of important social service programs, including waived penalties for improvement in the state's food stamp program and a return of \$120 million withheld from the previous administration for lax fiscal management.

\$14 million from expanded federal financial participation

To save Medi-Cal beneficiaries from expensive services and the threat of institutionalization, Governor Schwarzenegger secured more support from the federal government for targeted case management services.

\$395 million to protect California's water

Working with California's congressional delegation, Governor Schwarzenegger was able to secure continued federal support for the important CALFED water program and an authorization of \$395 million in additional funds.

\$15 million to restore Angel Island Immigration Station

To honor the memory of the millions of legal immigrants who entered California in the early 20th century through the Angel Island Immigration Station, the Governor supported federal legislation that contributed to a new \$15 million federal program to begin restoration.

\$40.9 million for levee and flood control work

Even before Hurricane Katrina ravaged the levee system of New Orleans, the Governor was working diligently with the congressional delegation to increase funds for improving California's levee network.

\$149 million for holding criminals

To help pay for the state's expenses to incarcerate criminal illegal aliens in our prisons, the Governor worked with a bipartisan congressional delegation to increase the state's share to \$149 million from the federal government.



\$637 million to support fusion research

Governor Schwarzenegger teamed with the California congressional delegation to support Lawrence Livermore's National Ignition Facility, the world's largest scientific project under construction and a cornerstone of the nation's nuclear deterrent program.

\$820 million to support national pest exclusion programs

Through his work with the delegation, Governor Schwarzenegger helped secure more funding nationwide for pest detection and exclusion. These funds not only aid California and neighboring-state farmers, but help protect successful trade by ensuring safe and healthy products to offer consumers.

The Governor and Senator Dianne Feinstein meet in Washington to discuss ways to secure more federal funds for California.

Creating New Jobs, Promoting Business

The Governor is leading the charge for California's workers and job-creators. He is helping to energize the economy, expand revenues to the state and put money into classrooms, roads and healthcare for children. A prosperous, growing economy has a direct effect on our families, providing California workers with high-quality jobs and the chance to achieve their dreams. Two years after taking office, the Governor continues to push for reforms that help our economy grow, improve our credit rating, and provide new jobs.

Historic workers' compensation reform

Governor Schwarzenegger brought together Republicans and Democrats to pass workers' compensation insurance reform, helping bring down insurance rates, create new jobs, ensure workers get faster care, and allow California's small businesses to flourish. Costs for workers' compensation have dropped by more than 35 percent, reducing expenses for California's job-makers and fostering the environment to create even more jobs.

More than 400,000 new jobs

Since the Governor took office, his reforms have helped accelerate California's job growth - creating more than 400,000 new jobs and giving more hard-working families the tools to achieve the California Dream.

California's unemployment rate hit its lowest level since before 9/11.



“No California Governor has ever done more to help prevent the job losses and other economic pains of military base closures.”

Thomas D. Elias
Columnist

Protecting California's military bases from closure

As a result of the Governor's leadership, in partnership with local communities, state leaders and the congressional delegation, California's important military bases remain open to protect the nation while providing thousands of jobs.

Designating three new Enterprise Zones

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Creating the San Joaquin Valley Partnership

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Fighting shakedown lawsuits, changing the “Sue Your Boss” law

The Governor supported Proposition 64 to fight shakedown lawsuits and frivolous litigation that was harming small businesses and limiting job opportunities for California's workers. Governor Schwarzenegger supported legislation to change the “Sue Your Boss” law to create fair standards and end frivolous lawsuits that cost California jobs.



Protecting workers in extreme heat

Concerned about the fatalities of outdoor workers under California's hot summer sun, the Governor, in cooperation with legislators, unions and business, established the first-in-the-nation emergency heat stress guidelines to educate workers and employers on how to guard against harm from extreme temperatures.

Enforcing workers' rights

Governor Schwarzenegger launched the Economic and Employment Enforcement Coalition, investing \$6.5 million to help shut down the underground economy that does not protect workers, support legitimate businesses or enforce workers' rights.

Expanding opportunities for professionals with disabilities

To increase job opportunities for professionals with disabilities, the Employment Development Department under the Governor's leadership has expanded the Media Access awards to encourage Hollywood producers and directors to hire performers, writers and other professionals with disabilities.



The Governor talks with farm workers about his first-in-the-nation emergency heat stress guidelines.



Governor Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver host the Made in California Expo & Showcase in Beijing, China.

Marketing California and Its Destinations Around the World

With its rich fusion of cultures, natural resources, renowned attractions, world-class cuisine and humanitarian ideals, California is the number one travel destination in the United States. In 2004, tourism generated \$82.5 billion for the state's economy, an increase of 7.4 percent over the previous year. The tourism industry provides nearly 900,000 jobs, serving close to 50 million out-of-state visitors and 8.4 million international visitors every year. The Governor has successfully promoted our state around the globe and encouraged people to visit, invest, build and grow their businesses in California.



Governor Schwarzenegger and Agriculture Secretary A.G. Kawamura promote California Grown produce at a Hong Kong market.

Restoring \$7.3 million for tourism marketing

The Governor restored \$7.3 million in public tourism marketing funds to the California Travel and Tourism Commission to promote California as a premier travel destination.

Meeting with top travel industry leaders

The Governor met with 35 of California's top travel industry leaders at the California Tourism Leadership Forum to discuss the importance of tourism dollars and the need to restore state funds to enhance marketing.

Providing online travel-planning support

The state's Travel and Tourism Commission has developed a number of Web sites to help attract people to California's unique and enjoyable destinations, including www.Visit-California.com, www.CaFunSpots.com, www.ShopCalifornia.org, www.CultureCalifornia.com, www.CaliforniaSnow.com, www.CaliforniaGolf.com, and www.BestofCaliforniaTV.com.

California Welcome Centers promote destinations

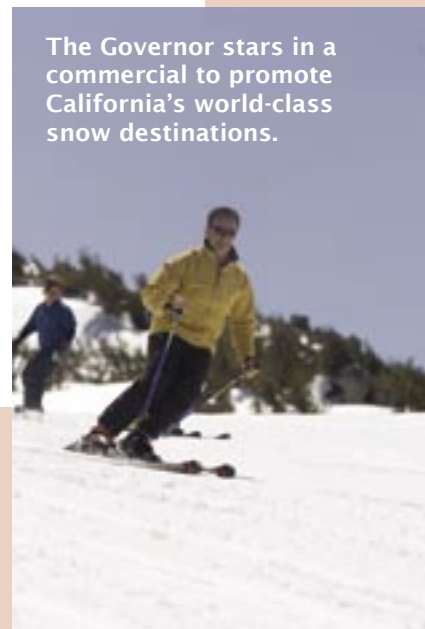
The state operates 10 California Welcome Centers to help visitors with all aspects of traveling around California. Last year, the centers helped more than 1 million walk-in visitors, promoting and selling California and its many destinations.



Reinforcing the importance of trade to job-creation

The Governor has traveled to Israel, Hong Kong, Mexico, Japan and China to continue fostering successful trade relations and other business opportunities for California companies, products and services.

First Lady Maria Shriver visits the Shanghai Children's Home in China to promote California's humanitarian ideals.



The Governor stars in a commercial to promote California's world-class snow destinations.

The Governor thanks American Red Cross volunteers for donating time to serve the victims of Hurricane Katrina.



Promoting Service

Governor Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver share a long history of service in many volunteer organizations, including the Special Olympics, Habitat for Humanity, after-school programs and the Best Buddies program. Together, they have worked to encourage volunteerism and promote public service. Their efforts have increased volunteer opportunities and heightened awareness of the importance of serving others.



Establishing the California Service Corps

The Governor established the California Service Corps, naming First Lady Maria Shriver as honorary chairwoman, to increase service opportunities for all Californians. The Corps received commendations from Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco for its service following Hurricane Katrina.

Providing community service grants

The Governor provided \$33 million for AmeriCorps grants to 61 community-based service programs that are tailored to meet the unique needs of their communities. These programs will engage nearly 6,000 Californians in service.

First Lady Maria Shriver helps build a Habitat for Humanity home for a Los Angeles-area family, with the help of the Entertainment Industry Foundation.

Allowing citizens to volunteer on public works projects

Governor Schwarzenegger signed legislation to change an outdated law that prohibited many Californians from volunteering their time without pay on public works projects in their communities. Now, volunteers are helping improve neighborhood playgrounds, cleaning up our parks and beautifying our state.

Helping communities fund service projects

Through the California Service Corps, \$2 million will be given to local governments to help pay for community emergency response teams, volunteer police help and Neighborhood Watch programs.

Promoting volunteerism throughout California

Promoting volunteerism, the First Lady hosted numerous service activities during California Service Day, including building a playground and planting a garden. The day is meant to model volunteer projects that can be done throughout the year.



"One of the greatest gifts we can give is our time and ourselves in service to others."

First Lady Maria Shriver

First Lady Maria Shriver and Home Depot CEO Bob Nardelli work together to complete a neighborhood playground.



The Governor applauds Salvation Army workers who are sorting donated goods for hurricane relief efforts.

Meeting California's Healthcare Needs

Governor Schwarzenegger is guided by the knowledge that a society is judged on how it treats the most vulnerable and less fortunate. His dedication to helping Californians in need is reflected in his budget, where despite a multibillion-dollar deficit, he protected vital health and human services programs. Recognizing that the state's future rests with California's children, the Governor placed a priority investment on the health of our youngest residents. He has also fought to empower seniors and people with disabilities so they may remain active in their communities, restoring their independence and keeping them near loved ones. The Governor is dedicated to ensuring Californians – from newborns to the elderly – have access to the quality healthcare they deserve.

\$1 billion to protect vital health services

The Governor's budget protected eligibility and increased overall healthcare spending by more than \$1 billion to protect vital services and programs for the more than 7 million Californians who rely on the state for healthcare. In addition, the Governor secured more than \$3 billion in new federal funding for safety net hospitals.

Expanding Healthy Families to 126,600 more children

The Governor's budget provided funds to enroll up to 126,600 new children in Healthy Families and expand outreach activities to ensure more eligible children receive valuable healthcare coverage and treatment, a \$136 million investment.

Committing \$124 million to expand nurse training

Looking to the future, Governor Schwarzenegger has taken aggressive steps to increase the number of new nurses in California – helping to expand faculty, increase training resources, offer more scholarships, foster loan forgiveness programs, and create more spots in high-demand nursing programs within colleges and universities.

Promoting programs that expand options and encourage independence

To help ensure that seniors and people with disabilities have more options that allow them to live in their own homes rather than face institutionalization, the Governor supported programs that encourage independence and enhance community support.

The Governor sees nurse trainers in action, announcing the creation of the California Nurse Education Initiative, a \$90 million partnership to reduce the state's nursing shortage.





The First Lady, Governor and cycling legend Lance Armstrong promote healthy habits at the first-ever Summit on Health, Nutrition and Obesity.

"We're very concerned about the nursing shortage. We're very happy the Governor has a plan to solve it."

Ann Prater
Enloe Medical Center

Implementing a state-of-the-art newborn screening program

The Governor implemented a state-of-the-art newborn screening program to test for 75 disorders and provide access to treatment for any identified conditions.

Increasing funding for free breast and cervical cancer screenings

To save women who can't afford special cancer screenings, the Governor increased funding by almost \$12 million for free breast and cervical cancer screenings for low-income women.

Investing \$2.4 million for prostate cancer screening and treatment

The Governor invested \$2.4 million to continue the prostate cancer screening and treatment program that provides care for men unable to afford care on their own. He also called for program reforms to treat one-third more men at nearly half the cost.

Promoting organ donorship

The Governor is facilitating organ donorship by requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to collect donor information for Donate Life California, and by replacing the pink donor sticker with the printed word "DONOR" on an individual's drivers' license. There are 18,000 Californians waiting for a transplant.

Increasing funding for HIV/AIDS prevention education programs

Demonstrating his ongoing commitment to support HIV/AIDS patients and curb the spread of the disease, Governor Schwarzenegger increased funding for prevention education programs, targeting new strategies to address the epidemic in disproportionately affected communities, supplying more funds for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, and expanding clean needle programs.

Expanding children's asthma control programs

The Governor expanded local community health center grants for children's asthma control programs by \$3 million.

Combating the spread of the deadly West Nile Virus

To combat the spread of the deadly West Nile Virus, the Governor included \$12 million in supplemental funding to help local governments enhance existing programs and expand efforts in areas of the state not currently covered by mosquito control services.

Helping counties serve the uninsured

A strong supporter of local governments, the Governor provided \$23 million to support county costs for caring for the uninsured.

Encouraging Healthy Habits

Californians have gained 360 million pounds in the last decade, resulting in more cases of diabetes, heart disease and stroke. To address this obesity epidemic, the Governor and First Lady hosted a Summit on Health, Nutrition and Obesity, calling on business leaders to offer healthier choices, and on Californians to make health a priority. He has signed into law the most progressive school nutrition reforms in the nation, and continues to actively work to make sure wholesome habits and physical fitness begin in childhood. The Governor is encouraging Californians of all ages to rise to the challenge and meet their personal physical fitness and health goals.



Promoting healthy choices in schools

Governor Schwarzenegger has been at the forefront of restoring health and fitness to California's youngsters by making the state's school nutrition standards the most progressive in the nation, extending the ban on sugary soft drinks in elementary and middle schools to high schools and investing \$18.2 million to put more fruits and vegetables into California schools.

"I'm deeply concerned about the obesity epidemic sweeping our nation. I support the Governor and First Lady in their effort to awaken the state of California and the entire country to this crisis."

Lance Armstrong

The Governor, First Lady and Lance Armstrong commence the Obesity Summit with a one-mile walk.





Hosting the Obesity Summit to combat an epidemic

The Governor's Summit on Health, Nutrition and Obesity yielded strong results that will improve the health and fitness of Californians and combat our state's obesity crisis. Many businesses and community groups answered the Governor's challenge and announced they would change their practices in order to offer Californians healthier options and more opportunities for physical activity.

Helping to develop a national program promoting healthier living

The Governor is participating in the National Governors Association Healthy America Task Force to develop a national program to help all Americans become healthier and more active.

The First Lady discusses food options available in a high school store as part of her statewide listening tour in preparation for the Governor's Obesity Summit.

Encouraging physical fitness

To encourage fitness and healthy living among all Californians, Governor Schwarzenegger commissioned his Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. He has challenged Californians to take the four-week fitness challenge to be active for 30-60 minutes three days each week for at least four weeks to solidify a new active lifestyle.

Getting tobacco products out of kids' reach

To help combat the use of cigarettes by children, the Governor signed legislation to expand California's tough anti-tobacco laws, prohibiting its use in prisons and juvenile facilities, and broadening a program to limit kids' access to tobacco. In addition, his budget provides \$35 million for tobacco control, smoking cessation and fighting the effects of smoking addiction.



Unleashing California's Innovative Imagination

California scientists stand at the frontiers of innovation, and their achievements propel us into a future that is healthier, cleaner and brighter. Governor Schwarzenegger is committed to supporting California's unsurpassed intellectual capital. Our scientists and researchers are developing new fuels that will improve our air quality, discovering new cures that will help battle disease, and delivering new technologies that will enhance our quality of life. The Governor's efforts are helping to expand stem cell research, train more math and science teachers, advance studies on Parkinson's disease, and allow taxpayers to donate to research that targets prostate cancer and Alzheimer's disease.

Governor Schwarzenegger is joined by Jackie Chan in Hong Kong to unveil a public service announcement condemning intellectual property theft.



Protecting the intellectual property rights of Californians

In China, Governor Schwarzenegger raised awareness of the injustice and economic damage caused by tolerating intellectual property theft. In Hong Kong, he unveiled a public service announcement with Jackie Chan that will air throughout the country to discourage the practice.

Promoting stem cell research and all its possibilities

The Governor and First Lady believe in the hope of stem cell research and all its potential to save lives and restore families. Their endorsement of Proposition 71, a \$3 billion bond to expand stem cell research in California, helped propel it to resounding victory.





Increasing the number of math and science teachers

To ensure California's students are prepared to take on new jobs in this technology-based economy, Governor Schwarzenegger is working with the state's college systems and some of its largest corporations to expand the number of credentialed science and math teachers.

Expanding funding for disease research

Helping to expand disease research, the Governor signed new laws to allow taxpayers to donate to prostate cancer and Alzheimer's disease research through their income tax forms. He also signed legislation creating a Parkinson's disease registry to catalog information about the disease and help work toward a cure.

Training new workers for the biotech industry

To advance career opportunities, the state has issued more than \$12 million to train nearly 10,000 workers to ensure they have the skills and training to secure great jobs in the growing biotechnology industry.

Supporting fusion research, generating new jobs

Governor Schwarzenegger teamed with the California congressional delegation to support Lawrence Livermore's National Ignition Facility, a cornerstone of the nation's nuclear deterrent program. It supports more than 1,000 high-technology science jobs in California and is a source of unprecedented research opportunities for our state. The project will contribute more than \$2 billion to California's economy, representing more than 800 state vendors by its completion in 2008.

The Governor tours the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory to witness exciting new research and technologies that are driving California's economy.



Governor Schwarzenegger has made bold strides to clean the air that Californians breathe, preserve and restore space they enjoy, maintain the ocean and coastline, and protect the water they drink. He has set aside more land for public parks than any other Governor in California's history and is making good on his promise to restore the Golden State. While taking unprecedented steps to preserve California's beauty and protect the health of its residents, the Governor has also enacted reforms that are energizing the economy and creating new jobs.

*"He means business
when it comes to cleaning
California's air."*

Bill Allayud
California Sierra Club Director

Fighting global warming

Putting California at the forefront in the fight against global warming, the Governor made history by signing an Executive Order setting groundbreaking goals with bold greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets to reduce emissions to 2000 levels in the next five years and to 1990 levels in 15 years.

Enhancing the Breathe Easier campaign

Governor Schwarzenegger is helping more residents repair or replace gross polluting vehicles. Now, more people are eligible to receive up to \$1,000 when they turn in their gross polluting vehicles. The Breathe Easier campaign has retired 7,745 cars from California's roads and highways since it was restarted in 2004 – keeping 364 tons of pollutants from being emitted into the air every year.

Implementing new car emissions standards

Working to clean California's air, the Governor implemented regulations toughening new car standards to reduce emissions by 30 percent in the next 10 years, cutting ozone-forming pollution by five tons per day by 2020 and drastically increasing fuel efficiency.

Promoting eco-friendly behavior in the workplace

To promote energy and water efficiency and encourage the practice of eco-friendly behaviors, the Governor signed an Executive Order creating the Green Building Initiative for both public and private buildings. This initiative sets goals to reduce electricity use and create more energy-efficient structures throughout the state.

Getting the dirtiest cars and buses off our streets

The Governor invested more than \$165 million to get gross polluters off our streets. This funding will reduce smog-forming oxides of nitrogen emissions by approximately 7,000 tons annually, equivalent to taking more than 700,000 cars off the road.

Creating the Hydrogen Highway

Governor Schwarzenegger has led the nation in innovative ways to use renewable energy, including founding the Hydrogen Highway. As part of his Hydrogen Highway plan, the Governor invested \$6.5 million to support a network of 17 filling stations and a growing fleet of cars and buses that run on this clean fuel of the future.



The Governor visits a bus yard to talk about the \$25 million he invested to repair or replace dangerous and polluting school buses.





The Governor and Resources Secretary Mike Chrisman tour the Sierra Nevada region.

“Another cause for optimism is Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s leadership on oceans issues.”

Charles Kennel
Scripps Institution of Oceanography
Director, UC San Diego

Established the Sierra Nevada Conservancy

The Governor established the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to place 25 million acres under conservation management within a region that produces 65 percent of the state’s water supply and half of all timber, and is home to two-thirds of California’s birds and mammal species.

Preserving habitat around the Hearst Ranch

Under the Governor’s lead, the state aided the purchase of land for the historic 82,000-acre Hearst Ranch to preserve habitat, protect open space and provide recreational opportunities along 13 miles of spectacular coastline and 128 square miles of rangeland near the exquisite Hearst Castle.

Reducing waste and promoting recycling efforts

The Schwarzenegger administration is strongly committed to recycling and keeping unnecessary waste out of our landfills. Through the California Integrated Waste Management Board, the Governor has encouraged local jurisdictions to meet the 50 percent diversion rate goal, including waste reduction and recycling efforts.

Keeping oceans clean

To protect California's spectacular ocean and coastline, Governor Schwarzenegger signed legislation prohibiting cargo ships from dumping polluted water, sewage and trash into the ocean off California's coast – similar to a measure he signed last year prohibiting dumping from cruise ships.

Developing river parkways

The Governor's budget included \$38.4 million to provide grants for the development and protection of river parkways. These grants fund park development, habitat restoration, and construction of public access trails along state rivers to make more of these beautiful places available to all Californians.



Combating the harmful effects of mercury poisoning

To protect California's land and water from the harmful effects of mercury poisoning, the Governor is now requiring that dials and other instruments from vehicles be treated as hazardous waste, and he signed legislation banning mercury thermometers in appliances.

Creating the Ocean Action Plan

The Governor created the Ocean Action Plan to effectively manage and protect California's ocean and coastal resources. As part of his plan, the Governor also established the Ocean Protection Council to improve cleanliness and preserve the abundance of marine life in California's bays, estuaries and ocean.

Supporting the moratorium on offshore oil drilling

Governor Schwarzenegger has worked with the California congressional delegation to promote sound federal policy, weighing in on a number of issues and leading the charge to protect California's environmental interests. He fought and won a battle to continue protecting the state's coastline by opposing any changes to the moratorium on offshore oil drilling.

Banning experimental pesticides in schools

Governor Schwarzenegger signed legislation to ban experimental pesticides in schools, helping protect our children and school personnel from the unknown impacts of these materials.

California Coastal Commission Director Clint Eastwood greets Resources Secretary Mike Chrisman and long-time oceans and environmental advocate Leon Panetta at the Governor's announcement of his Ocean Action Plan.

The Cache Creek River Basin's beauty is protected by legislation signed by Governor Schwarzenegger.





Governor Schwarzenegger promotes solar power on Earth Day. One million solar roofs can produce 3,000 megawatts of power on the hottest day of the year.



CalEPA Secretary Alan Lloyd and Consumer Services Secretary Fred Aguilar join the Governor to promote his Million Solar Roofs Initiative.

Powering California

Californians have witnessed how elevated market prices, fuel disruptions and natural disasters can affect their jobs, their household budgets and their lifestyles. Governor Schwarzenegger believes that government is responsible for ensuring that California's entire energy system, including natural gas, transportation fuels, electricity transmission and generation, meets current and future needs. He has taken bold steps to prevent another energy crisis, and his policies help get more out of the resources we already have and encourage the use of energy-saving habits in our daily lives.

Demanding acceleration of reserve energy supplies

The Governor demanded an acceleration of the 15 percent reserve energy supply requirement so we have the electricity needed to keep the lights on and costs affordable – a reserve that will be in place two years ahead of schedule.

Powering more homes

Since Governor Schwarzenegger took office, new energy generation has expanded by 2,834 megawatts, generating enough electricity to power about 3 million homes. In 2006, another 1,765 megawatts is expected to go online, powering another 2 million homes.

Promoting the clean power of the sun

To take advantage of the cleanest, most reliable energy source California has, the Governor developed the Million Solar Roofs Initiative to have 1 million solar roofs on residential and commercial buildings by 2018. The Public Utilities Commission has taken action to implementing this plan.

Negotiating refunds from energy companies

The state has collected more than \$3 billion in refund settlements from companies whose violations of state and federal law contributed to the electricity crisis in 2001 – a collection effort that the Governor is continuing. Ratepayers suffered from unreliable energy supplies and inflated rates during the energy crisis.

Recruiting businesses to voluntarily reduce power

As part of the "Flex Your Power" campaign to promote energy conservation, the Governor helped recruit a number of California companies to agree to voluntarily reduce power usage during brownouts, preserving energy during peak times.



Setting bold renewable energy goals

Ensuring that as California moves toward cleaner sources of power, the Governor has called on utilities to acquire 20 percent of the power used within the state from renewable sources by 2010, seven years ahead of what the law requires, and 33 percent by 2020.

Saving the state millions by reducing energy costs

California is a world leader in energy conservation and is leading by example. The Governor signed an Executive Order creating the Green Building Initiative to promote energy efficiency and conserve 20 percent of energy used in state buildings by 2015. The initiative encourages the private sector to do the same. The Green Building Initiative is projected to ultimately save the state \$100 million per year in energy costs.

Leading the effort to develop clean energy in the West

Governor Schwarzenegger is leading the effort to develop 30,000 megawatts of clean energy in the West by 2015, a goal that was unanimously approved by the Western Governors' Association in 2004.

Helping improve energy transmission

Because Governor Schwarzenegger believes Californians deserve reliable energy and affordable rates, he has called on California's utilities to expand the transmission grid. In addition, he forged an agreement with three other Western states to expand production and transmission by developing the Frontier Line to deliver clean and conventional electricity.

California Electricity Commission Chair Joe Desmond, Public Utilities Commission President Mike Peevey and San Diego Gas and Electric President Ed Guiles join Governor Schwarzenegger to turn on a new transmission line.



Feeding California and the World

The Governor promotes greater access for California Grown products during his trade mission in China.

California's unique blend of fertile soils and temperate climates, combined with cutting-edge technology, pioneering research and marketplace innovations, has helped create the most sophisticated agricultural production and distribution systems in the world. California produces half of the nation's fruits, vegetables and nuts, and more than two-thirds of the nation's fresh-cut flowers. Agriculture is the cornerstone of California's economy - contributing approximately \$30 billion in sales and creating more than 1 million jobs. With 88,000 farms producing more than 350 crops, our farmers and ranchers have made this state the nation's leader in agricultural production.

Promoting California Grown products

The Governor takes every opportunity to draw attention to California's top export. From starring in a California Grown television advertisement to featuring products during two Asian trade missions, Governor Schwarzenegger is pushing for greater market access and more sales opportunities.

Enhancing food safety

Californians must be able to rely on the safety of the food they feed their families. The Schwarzenegger administration has partnered with the Western Institute for Food Safety and Security at UC Davis to coordinate with local and state agencies, along with California's food and agricultural sectors, to enhance food safety and agroterrorism research and training.

Investing in rural crime prevention

The Governor invested \$3.6 million in the Rural Crime Prevention Program to help catch, prosecute and prevent crimes against the agricultural community. These funds are being used to prevent equipment theft, vandalism and the dumping of trash on private lands.

Promoting the California School Garden Network

The California School Garden Network, an unprecedented alliance of state agencies, nonprofit organizations and education institutions, is promoting nutrition, agriculture and physical activity through the creation of school gardens in California.

Expanding pest exclusion programs

Through his work with the congressional delegation, Governor Schwarzenegger helped secure more funding nationwide for pest detection and exclusion. These funds not only aid California and neighboring-state farmers, but help to protect successful trade by ensuring safe and healthy products to offer consumers.

Protecting California's water resources

To protect California's most precious natural resource, the Governor's budget includes \$145.8 million for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, an unprecedented effort to build a framework for managing the state's water resources.



Supporting the California wine industry

The Governor signed a bill making it easier for California wineries to ship to consumers in other states and for California consumers to purchase wine – fostering the continued growth of the wine industry in California.





Governor Schwarzenegger announces the Jessica's Law proposal, showing a GPS tracking device that would be required for high-risk sex offenders for the rest of their lives.

Tough on Crime, Strong on Prevention

Protecting children and all of the people of California is the most important function of government. The Governor has fought to support local law enforcement, toughen penalties on sex offenders, crack down on child and domestic abuse, strengthen homeland security and increase punishment for gang-related crimes. He signed new laws to expand victims' rights in parole hearings, improve victim restitution, strengthen Megan's Law to make registered sex offender information available on the Internet, and much more. Governor Schwarzenegger's highest priority is to make California a safe home for all its residents.

Stopping sex offenders from getting taxpayer-funded Viagra

The Governor signed a measure prohibiting sex offenders from obtaining erectile dysfunction drugs at taxpayer expense.

Proposing Jessica's Law to toughen sex offender regulations

Governor Schwarzenegger proposed Jessica's Law, containing the toughest sex offender regulations in the history of California, to widen sexual predator-free zones, require high-risk sex offenders to wear GPS devices for the rest of their lives, strengthen penalties for online predators, and expand the "one strike" sex crimes list.

Expanding the use of GPS devices on sex offenders

The Governor is giving more authority to law enforcement officials to use global positioning system technology to monitor high-risk parolees and deter them from committing new crimes or moving into or out of protected zones.

Protecting the Three Strikes law

Californians believe in the Three Strikes law, and when Proposition 66 threatened to weaken it, releasing violent offenders into our communities, Governor Schwarzenegger led the victorious charge against it.

Helping collect more restitution for crime victims

The Governor established the Office of Victim and Survivor Services to improve restitution. The office has succeeded in collecting more than \$100 million for crime victims. The state also implemented new regulations that allow the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to collect 40 percent of an inmate's wages or trust account money to pay restitution.

Extending funding for the Missing Persons' DNA Database

The Governor extended the funding source to operate the Missing Persons' DNA Database, which in just a short time has received and processed hundreds of requests – solving 36 cases and providing closure for victims' families.

Streamlining California's corrections system

To begin the overhaul of California's corrections system, the Governor consolidated it into the new Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. The Governor's reorganization has allowed the various investigation units to combine under one operation, so they more effectively combat the spread of prison gangs and terrorist organizations.

"This is the first time we've had a real serious discussion about prison reform... No previous Governor has had the guts."

Senator Gloria Romero

"Thanks to [Governor Schwarzenegger's] leadership, we were able to keep 26,000 dangerous and violent criminals where they belong – behind bars and out of California neighborhoods."

David Paulson
California District Attorneys Association President

Solving cold cases with DNA Data Bank

Months ahead of schedule, the state's prisons have collected DNA samples from inmates and parolees to build the Convicted Offender DNA Data Bank, which already is being used as a resource to solve current crimes and cold cases.

Banning weapons used by criminals

Governor Schwarzenegger signed legislation banning the sale of armor-piercing .50 caliber sniper rifles, making California the first state in the nation to do so. According to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the federal Government Accountability Office, .50 caliber sniper rifles have a dangerous history of use by criminals, foreign drug cartels and international terrorists.

Officers salute their fallen comrades at the annual Peace Officers Memorial at the Capitol.



Ready to Respond in an Emergency

Californians live in the greatest state in the nation, yet they know all too well the devastating effects of fires, earthquakes, floods and mudslides – all of which have destroyed land, businesses, homes and innocent lives. The Governor is focused on developing disaster-resistant communities and strengthening emergency response when an unexpected disaster occurs. He also is working with local, state and federal officials to strengthen homeland security and terrorism prevention.

Investing more than \$140 million to enhance flood protection

Since he took office, the Governor has invested more than \$140 million to enhance flood protection, supporting flood control operations including levee maintenance and evaluation, floodplain mapping and enhanced emergency response.

Signing the Emergency Management Assistance Compact

To allow California to receive aid from and send aid to other states in emergencies, Governor Schwarzenegger signed legislation that makes California a party to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, which allows states to share emergency response resources immediately during a disaster.

Responding to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

Californians were among the first on the scene to offer support following the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Governor Schwarzenegger acted swiftly, deploying thousands of California's emergency responders, National Guard, Highway Patrol and other relief workers to help with rescue and recovery efforts.

Preparing trauma centers for emergencies

The Governor boosted trauma centers' ability to respond during a terrorist event or natural disaster, with \$10 million in new funds for surge capacity and other emergency medical response services.

Expanding communications capacity during disasters

A new state-of-the-art Department of Health Services Emergency Operations Center, with primary and back-up communications capacity, is up and running to facilitate rapid response and deployment of the state's public health and medical actions and assets.

Allowing the private sector to help during a disaster

Governor Schwarzenegger signed first-of-its-kind legislation to formalize the ability of the state to tap the resources of the private sector following a major disaster, making it easier to integrate private organizations into California's emergency management system.



The Governor surveys damage caused by the Topanga Fire.

Promoting disaster preparedness

The Governor and First Lady are empowering Californians to be disaster-ready. The Governor proclaimed May as Disaster Preparedness Month and First Lady Maria Shriver kicked off the unprecedented, year-long “Be Smart. Be Responsible. Be Prepared. Be Ready,” campaign to give families the tools and know-how to be better prepared.

Helping animals displaced by disasters

In addition to responding to the needs of humans in a disaster, the Department of Food and Agriculture developed a system to respond to the needs of animals displaced by disasters – mobilizing personnel to locate and rescue farm animals and house pets and reunite them with their loved ones.

The Governor’s Office of Emergency Services and First Lady Maria Shriver team up for the Day of Preparedness Fair – participating in drills to teach disaster readiness.



Evacuees from Hurricane Katrina talk about their experiences and share their stories with First Lady Maria Shriver as she tours the Dream Center in Los Angeles.



Governor Schwarzenegger gets a report on emergency response efforts following the La Conchita mudslide.

Establishing the State Terrorism Threat Assessment Center

The Governor provided \$10 million to establish the State Terrorism Threat Assessment Center and four regional centers that operate as a partnership among federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to sharpen coordination and streamline information sharing.

Securing California's ports

California serves as the gateway to the Pacific Rim for trade, making it a primary point of arrival and departure for goods entering and leaving the country. To strengthen security, Governor Schwarzenegger directed \$5 million of the state's share of federal homeland security funds to improve safety at 11 of California's key ports, adding cameras, lighting and fencing.

Golden Guardian disaster drill

The Governor initiated the development and implementation of Golden Guardian, a homeland security exercise to test California's capacity to respond to a terrorist attack or natural hazard. In all, 160 agencies participated to improve the state's public safety system through lessons learned from these exercises.

Boosting security in all of California's 58 counties

To help California's counties boost security, the Governor allocated \$67 million of federal homeland security funds to resources for first responders in all of the state's 58 counties, enhancing their capabilities to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from manmade or natural disasters. Counties used the money to purchase equipment, conduct planning and carry out training exercises to enhance preparedness.

Protecting California's military bases from closure

In previous Base Realignment and Closure proceedings, California saw 24 of its bases shut down and about 100,000 jobs lost as a result. Governor Schwarzenegger's leadership in uniting state and local officials and the California congressional delegation was instrumental in the state retaining all of its major installations.

Awarding mass transit security grants

The Governor has made protection of California's mass transit a top priority to help protect the systems from terrorist attacks. Federal grants are being used to acquire global positioning technology and advanced security identification systems, install on-board cameras and train personnel to identify security risks.

Enhancing terrorism prevention programs

The Governor provided \$24 million for Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program grants to enhance information-sharing capabilities of the state's law enforcement agencies. Agencies are using the funds to purchase updated communication equipment, provide specialized training programs to help officers recognize potential threats, and upgrade security at important facilities.

Helping local first responders protect critical infrastructure

California's world-famous destinations and prominent infrastructure heighten its risk of terrorist attacks. To help protect these landmarks, \$13 million has been allocated to purchase special equipment and boost personnel.

The Governor tours California ports to survey the security measures in place.



Investing in Fire, Waterway and Highway Safety

Governor Schwarzenegger is working to improve safety on California's roads, waterways and fire-prone areas, investing millions to help communities prevent and respond to potential dangers. He invested \$23 million to modernize firefighting equipment, and an additional \$5 million to position fire engines in fire-prone areas around the state. The Governor's record illustrates his ongoing commitment to making California a safe place to live, work, go to school and raise a family.

"We appreciate [Governor Schwarzenegger's] compassion, [his] sensitivity to the people and the workers of this state."

Shasta County Sheriff Jim Pope



A victim's family is joined by Business, Transportation and Housing Secretary Sunne Wright McPeak, Governor Schwarzenegger and CHP Commissioner Mike Brown at a Peace Officers Wreath Memorial.



As part of the Governor's Fallen Officer Protocol, the Capitol flag is lowered for 72 hours and each family receives a letter from the Governor and First Lady, along with the First Lady's book, "What's Heaven?"

Investing in up-to-date equipment and year-round firefighters

The Governor added \$22.5 million to his budget for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to buy up-to-date firefighting equipment, 40 new fire engines, better communication equipment, and to pay for year-round firefighters.

**Increasing the state's fleet of engines**

The Governor approved \$5 million for the Office of Emergency Services to increase its fleet of fire engines that are positioned statewide at local fire departments to respond quickly in emergencies.

Awarding \$74.9 million in traffic-safety grants to local communities

The Governor's Office of Traffic Safety awarded \$74.9 million in traffic-safety grants for a wide range of innovative, results-driven programs to improve road and highway safety. Programs that were funded will address areas of drunken driving prevention, pedestrian and bicycle safety, emergency medical services and other police traffic services.

Promoting seat belt usage

Last year the state launched the "Click It or Ticket" campaign to promote seat belt usage and increase highway safety - helping to save an estimated 63 lives and prevent 861 injuries.

Improving traffic safety during the holidays

The Statewide Traffic and Action Response Program successfully pooled the support of the state's five traffic-safety departments to combine resources and improve public safety during the holiday travel season through enhanced enforcement and sign messaging on roads and highways.

Doubling funding for boating and waterway safety enforcement

The Governor doubled funding for boating safety enforcement on California's waterways, investing \$4.6 million annually to help improve safety on our waterways.

Insisting on a 100-foot clearance around structures in fire-prone areas

The Governor signed a bill last year requiring that property owners in rural areas widen the clearance around all structures from 30 feet to 100 feet to enhance protection of homes and businesses in fire-prone areas. He also signed a bill requiring warning labels on equipment that could pose a fire danger in dry, fire-prone areas.

Reforming vehicle pursuit policy to improve street safety

Governor Schwarzenegger directed his administration to work with law enforcement officials to improve citizens' safety by reforming their vehicle pursuit policy.

Helping protect pedestrians and promote bike safety

Helping to protect pedestrians and keep sidewalks clear, Governor Schwarzenegger signed a bill requiring manufacturers of motorized bikes to affix a label to each bike informing riders about safety and following the rules of the road.





First Lady Maria Shriver visits with a patient as she tours the Childrens Hospital Los Angeles cancer center, which has been treating children for more than a century.

Looking Out for the Youngest Californians

California's children represent our link to the future and our hope for a better tomorrow. As parents, we prepare our sons and daughters for the future by keeping them out of harm's way, instilling a sturdy moral compass and unlocking their fullest potential. The Governor and First Lady have acted to defend and protect children – working hand in hand with parents, teachers, lawmakers and child advocacy groups around the state to guard our youth from health hazards, crime and potentially harmful products. It is our obligation to ensure that nothing stands in the way of their boundless promise.

Expanding Healthy Families to include more children

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Promoting Jessica's Law to crack down on sex offenders

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Helping keep violent video games out of children's reach

To protect children from exposure to violent, sexually graphic video games, Governor Schwarzenegger strengthened retail standards in stores and created penalties for selling inappropriate products to kids.

Cracking down on performance-enhancing drugs in schools

The Governor is cracking down on the use of performance-enhancing drugs in high schools by prohibiting their sale or distribution to students, and by requiring coaches to complete a training program to spot the signs of steroid abuse.

Protecting children and toughening penalties for child abusers

- The Governor closed a loophole in the law that allowed courts to offer more lenient sentences, including probation instead of prison, to abusers who harm their own children.
- He signed Adam's Law to give courts the option to require a home visit by a social worker within three months after placement to help protect foster children placed with non-custodial parents.
- Governor Schwarzenegger extended the statute of limitations on sex crimes to ensure that innocent children who are sexually abused are given every opportunity to see their abusers brought to justice.
- He is allowing the victims of child abuse to use closed-circuit technology to submit their court testimony, relieving some of the fear and anxiety caused by seeing their abusers face to face.
- The Governor is stopping courts from giving custody or unsupervised visitation rights to a parent who lives with a registered sex offender, helping prevent situations where children could be sexually abused.



"I am very glad that we have a Governor who has made our kids a top priority."

Senator Martha Escutia

First Lady Maria Shriver visits Glide Church and Foundation, which helps break the cycle of multi-generational dependency, poverty and low self-worth.





Restoring health and fitness to kids

The Governor has been at the forefront of restoring health and fitness to California's children by making the state's school nutrition standards the most progressive in the nation.

"What the Governor has done by signing these bills is give these kids a better chance to find a permanent home and succeed once they age out of the system at 18."

The San Francisco Chronicle

Improving California's foster care system

Making tremendous strides to help the children entrusted to the state, the Governor signed legislation to improve the state's foster care system by promoting more secure and long-lasting homes, enhancing support for youth leaving the foster care system so they can succeed on their own, and investing \$13 million to help counties improve local services to foster families.

Replacing dangerous and polluting school buses

The Governor invested \$25 million to repair or replace school buses that do not meet federal safety standards to help ensure that California's students are transported safely to and from school in environmentally cleaner vehicles.

Protecting children from dangerous poisons

The Governor signed legislation to remove mercury from vaccines. He also is prohibiting the sale of imported candies with high levels of lead and is strengthening the state's oversight to monitor lead content in candy.

Increasing teen alcohol and drug treatment programs

To help teens and young adults recover from addiction and lead healthy lives, Governor Schwarzenegger awarded more than \$23 million in new federal funds to increase alcohol and drug treatment services for teens and young adults. In addition, the state's Alcoholic Beverage Control department has been successful in reducing alcohol sales to minors by increasing the number of compliance visits to retail outlets.



Protecting California's Consumers

Governor Schwarzenegger promised to make our economy boom again and wasted no time removing roadblocks to its growth – creating more jobs for workers and safeguards for customers. He renewed consumer confidence by strengthening identity theft awareness and prevention, protecting consumers' personal information and cracking down on hackers. Through his partnership with local and state agencies, law enforcement and consumer protection groups, the Governor has helped the people of California become more aware and more protected.

Fighting Identity Theft

The Governor, in partnership with law enforcement agencies, industry and state and consumer organizations, hosted the Summit on Identity Theft Solutions to explore prevention methods and ways to help victims recover.

Increasing funding for the Office of Privacy Protection

The Governor increased funding for the California Office of Privacy Protection to educate consumers about identity theft.

Providing new protections for car buyers

Governor Schwarzenegger signed the Car Buyers' Bill of Rights to provide new protections for consumers – making the car-buying process more transparent and providing more disclosure about auto loan options.

Protecting consumers from Internet hackers

Making the practice of Internet "phishing" a crime in California, Governor Schwarzenegger protected consumers from Internet hackers who use phony e-mails to hook them into giving out personal information.

Cracking down on criminals who duplicate credit cards

To keep thieves from reproducing credit cards and debit cards and racking up fraudulent charges, the Governor signed a bill making it a crime to possess equipment capable of manufacturing fake identification.

Signing the California Safe Cosmetics Act

The Governor signed legislation to protect Californians, particularly women of childbearing age, from exposure to harmful chemicals by requiring cosmetic companies to list any ingredients known to cause cancer or reproductive harm.

Reducing alcohol sales to minors

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Protecting citizens' personal information

The Governor is protecting consumers' private debit card information by prohibiting retailers or restaurants from printing more than the last five digits of the card number on a receipt.

Expanding low-cost auto insurance to good drivers

Governor Schwarzenegger extended California's low-cost auto insurance program to help more low-income Californians with good driving records get auto insurance.

Imposing stiff fines for e-mail spammers

Helping rid e-mail boxes of unsolicited e-mail, the Governor signed a measure imposing a \$1,000 fine on commercial spam that doesn't disclose the sender's valid contact information.

Allowing criminal background checks on workers with access to homes

Giving employers more tools to build customer trust, the Governor gave cable companies the ability to collect criminal history information on workers who enter customers' homes.

Fighting bait-and-switch tactics

The Governor signed a law to prohibit retailers from charging a higher price than the lowest price displayed, advertised or posted, regardless of any time limitation.

Shielding cell phone users

To help keep mobile phone numbers private, the Governor stopped cellular telephone companies from putting customer numbers in a directory and prohibited them from selling phone numbers without customers' consent.



Supporting California's Women

California is home to millions of remarkable women. As pioneers, artists, mothers and entrepreneurs, women in a multitude of roles have left their fingerprints on our state. The Governor supports California's women and has recruited them for key positions in government to serve as chiefs of staff, senior advisers, spokespeople, policy experts and agency secretaries. California's women are extremely successful – making up more than half of all small business owners in the state, providing jobs and services in our neighborhoods. California's 16 million women are united in the belief that anything is possible in the Golden State.

Promoting remarkable women at the California History Museum

The Governor and First Lady Maria Shriver unveiled a permanent exhibit in the California Museum for History, Women and the Arts, featuring the strengths and accomplishments of California's remarkable women. Most recently, they hosted the opening of an exhibit promoting California Latinas.

"Women shape and strengthen our state in extraordinary ways."

First Lady Maria Shriver





The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor shares her life experiences as the first female Supreme Court Justice with nearly 11,000 women at the Governor and First Lady's Conference on Women and Families.

Co-hosting the Governor and First Lady's Conference on Women and Families

To celebrate California's extraordinary women, the Governor and First Lady hosted the 18th and 19th annual Governor and First Lady's Conference on Women and Families. The conference included a blockbuster roster of speakers to inspire, enlighten and motivate the thousands of women in attendance, as well as those participating on the Internet and watching by satellite.

Proposing Jessica's Law to crack down on violent sex offenders

Governor Schwarzenegger proposed Jessica's Law, the toughest sex offender law in the history of California, to expand sexual predator zones, require high-risk sex offenders to wear GPS devices for the rest of their lives, toughen penalties for online predators, and expand the "one strike" sex crimes list.



Increasing funding for free breast and cervical cancer screening

The Governor increased funding by almost \$3 million for free breast and cervical cancer screenings for low-income women.

Protecting reproductive health

To ensure women's health and protect their rights, the Governor signed legislation to protect women's immediate access to emergency contraception.

Signing the California Safe Cosmetics Act

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Extending the Domestic Violence Advisory Council

Governor Schwarzenegger extended funding for the Domestic Violence Advisory Council, which provides leadership, resources and support to develop successful programs and important services to help victims and prevent abuse.

Scholarships for women

At the Governor and First Lady's Conference on Women and Families, the Governor presented \$25,000 scholarships to four California college students in their third year of study in the areas of business, special education, nursing and math or science.

Empowering and Providing Security for Older Californians

California's older adults have made tremendous contributions to our state and communities by helping us understand our roots, and by teaching us the timeless lessons of hard work and bravery. Older Californians have worked hard and should enjoy their golden years with health, independence and security. The Governor protected aging Californians by signing legislation to combat elder abuse, offer new rights to seniors living in retirement communities, and promote their independence. California's seniors serve as role models in our communities.

Providing 40,000 consumers with education about their HMO rights

The Governor's Office of the Patient Advocate expanded outreach for HMO members, providing 40,000 Californians with important information about their HMO rights.

Expanding the state's elder abuse reporting team

To protect California's most vulnerable populations from financial abuse, Governor Schwarzenegger signed a bill to expand the state's elder abuse reporting team, guarding seniors and dependent adults from attempts to take their money.

Helping seniors understand new prescription drug laws

To help seniors and people with disabilities transition to Medicare's prescription drug plan, the Governor provided nearly \$100 million in the current budget for continuity of care, outreach, training and support for the roughly 1 million affected Medi-Cal beneficiaries through the Medicare Modernization Act.

Governor Schwarzenegger visits with members of the California Senior Legislature.



Promoting programs that expand options and encourage independence

Ensuring that seniors and people with disabilities have more options that allow them to live in their own homes rather than face institutionalization, Governor Schwarzenegger promoted programs that encourage independence and enhance community support.

Helping families and friends identify and report elder abuse

Helping families and friends to better identify and report elder abuse, Governor Schwarzenegger is requiring residential care facilities to provide an educational handout that details the elder abuse reporting process. In addition, the Governor established a task force to improve and streamline the elder abuse reporting process, strengthened penalties on those who engage in insurance scams, which often target senior citizens, and increased criminal penalties for abusers.

Increasing quality care

To improve the environment at nursing homes, the Governor signed legislation to increase Medi-Cal reimbursement rates in skilled nursing facilities, which will help produce better wages for staff, money to improve facilities, and better quality care for residents.

Protecting seniors living in planned communities

To give seniors more protections when it comes to decisions affecting planned communities, the Governor signed a series of measures to expand voting rights on common-area decisions; build in protections for collecting homeowner association dues to ensure that disputes do not mean foreclosure; and prohibit homeowner association fees from being used for political purposes.

Giving more rights to seniors in retirement communities

The Governor expanded the rights of seniors who live in retirement communities that provide care ranging from independent and assisted living to skilled nursing services. This new law ensures that seniors play a role in decisions relating to their level and quality of care, including management of their financial affairs and new protections if disagreements arise with their care provider.



Improving access to health services in rural areas

The Governor's budget included \$10 million to improve access to health services in rural areas and loan repayment for doctors serving rural or low-income communities.

Allowing counties to distribute surplus medication to the poor and uninsured

The Governor signed legislation to establish a voluntary program for counties to distribute surplus medications at no cost to the poor and uninsured.

Promoting safe and defensive driving for seniors

Governor Schwarzenegger proclaimed October 25 as Senior Safe Mobility Day to call attention to the ways that older Californians can learn strategies for defensive driving.



Respecting the Men and Women Who Serve

California has a proud history of military support. Our state's naval facilities, air bases, supply centers and training commands have helped our nation produce the best-trained and best-equipped military in the world. Our military bases also play an instrumental role in California's economic recovery by providing employment and stability for thousands of Californians. Our state is home to 2.3 million veterans, and the Governor has a deep admiration for the service members who put their lives on the line in defense of freedom. Governor Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver take every opportunity to support and encourage members of the military and their families. The courage and loyalty of our armed forces have earned them the respect and gratitude of the citizens they protect, and we are honored to show them our appreciation.

Advancing funding for five new veterans' homes

Governor Schwarzenegger's leadership has advanced funding for five new state veterans' homes to be built in the next seven years in California to provide a place for veterans to receive assisted living, skilled nursing care and specialized attention in a new Alzheimer's unit.

Protecting California's military bases from closure

In previous Base Realignment and Closure proceedings, California saw 24 of its bases shut down and about 100,000 jobs lost. However, Governor Schwarzenegger's leadership in uniting state and local officials and the California congressional delegation was instrumental in the state retaining all of its major installations.

Extending job security for state workers serving in the military

The Governor is proud to support legislation to extend job security for state workers serving in the military – men and women who are sacrificing valuable time with friends and family, frequently risking their lives as well as putting successful careers on hold to protect freedom and democracy.



To honor the memory of our military heroes, the Governor ordered the Capitol flags to be flown at half-staff for every California soldier killed while serving our country.

Increasing business opportunities for disabled veterans

To help increase opportunities for businesses operated by disabled veterans, the Governor signed a measure giving state departments an extra incentive to contract with these businesses.

Protecting troops from financial scams

Protecting the financial interests of our military, the state administers the Troops Against Predatory Scams program to educate California's service men and women on how to avoid becoming victims of financial fraud.

Making it a crime to impersonate a veteran

Showing his support and respect for the thousands of Californians who have served in the military, Governor Schwarzenegger made it a crime to impersonate a veteran.



Governor Schwarzenegger honors a World War II veteran at a ceremony celebrating the 60th anniversary of D-Day.



Governor Schwarzenegger dedicates the state's first veterans' cemetery.

Dedicating the state's first veterans' cemetery

The Governor dedicated the state's first veterans' cemetery in Redding on Veterans Day 2005, providing a place for those who served to be honored again after they pass away. California is the 40th state to provide a state veterans' cemetery.

Rewarding those who serve

To retain National Guard civil support team members and reinforce the state's training investment, the Governor signed legislation to establish a bonus reward program.

Making frequent moves easier for military families

Military families face the frequent task of resettling in new communities. To ease the transitions they face, the Governor signed legislation to give schools the ability to admit military children into new districts on a priority basis.



A wounded soldier at a veterans' hospital shares his story with the First Lady and Veterans Secretary Tom Johnson, explaining the challenges he and his family face as they seek to return to a "normal" family life.



Helping more veterans purchase their own homes

The Governor is helping more veterans purchase homes and farms by raising limits on CalVet home loans to 125 percent of the Fannie Mae limit.

Thanking the men and women who serve

At the Governor's urging, the Department of Veterans Affairs, in conjunction with the Governor's Office, proudly mails more than 2,000 letters of appreciation each month to military personnel leaving active duty - thanking them for their service and informing them about job placement and other services that are available.

Creating the Governor's Commemorative Medallion

The Governor commissioned his Commemorative Medallion for presentation to former prisoners of war and the families of service men and women missing in action.



More than 18,000 California National Guard members have been deployed on missions overseas.



Governor Schwarzenegger celebrates Cinco de Mayo at the Capitol.

California's vibrant and culturally diverse population is an integral part of our social and economic fabric. The diversity of California's citizens enriches our state through entrepreneurship, excellence in education, dedication to community service and robust appreciation for the California Dream. Californians from all ethnic backgrounds are making tremendous strides in the business community, in the arts and sciences, in government, in sports and in the military. The unique values and traditions of our culturally diverse communities strengthen California and fortify our character as a state.

Maintaining close ties with Mexico

Governor Schwarzenegger's frequent communication with Mexican officials maintains our strong friendship and promotes our cooperation. He has met multiple times with Baja California Governor Eugenio Elorduy, Undersecretary for North American Affairs Geronimo Guterrez, and has never missed a Border Governors Conference.

Restoring Angel Island Immigration Station

The Governor's active support for federal legislation contributed to a new \$15 million federal program for restoration of the Angel Island Immigration Station, a California State Park. Known as the Ellis Island of the West, this site was the Pacific gateway for immigrants entering the United States between 1910 and 1940. Many of these immigrants were from Russia, China, Japan and other parts of Asia and overcame great challenges to become American citizens.



Governor Schwarzenegger speaks at the Museum of Tolerance dedication ceremony in Jerusalem.

Commemorating the contributions of great African-American leaders

The Governor respects the contributions of African-American leaders, commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks and the *Brown v. the Board of Education* decision.

Removing a derogatory term from statute

Archaic and derogatory terms have no place in California's law. Governor Schwarzenegger signed legislation removing the word "Oriental" from statutes related to Asian medicine and acupuncture laws, helping eliminate racial stereotyping and insensitivity.

Appointing Latinos to lead California

Governor Schwarzenegger has filled 10 percent of his appointed positions with Latinos from an applicant pool of only 7.8 percent Latinos. His administration includes such high-profile Latino appointments as Office of Emergency Services Director Henry Renteria, Charlene Zettel as the Director of Consumer Affairs, Fred Ruiz to the UC Board of Regents, Rosario Marin to the Integrated Waste Management Board and Margita Thompson as Press Secretary.

Promoting tolerance in Jerusalem

Governor Schwarzenegger's first official foreign visit was to Israel, where he participated in the groundbreaking for the Center for Human Dignity, promoted increased trade ties, and met with Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Vice Prime Minister Ehud Olmert.





The First lady and Governor Schwarzenegger attend the opening of the **Latinas: The Spirit of California** exhibit, which was launched last year to honor and celebrate the many Latinas who have strengthened and shaped California in extraordinary ways.

Speeding up trade and travel between Mexico and California

The Governor has met with Mexican officials to show support for the SENTRI program, which allows pre-enrolled and screened travelers to enter the United States through the southern border with minimal or no delay to help expedite trade, commerce and the movement of people between Mexico and the United States.



Establishing new initiatives to address HIV/AIDS

The Governor established a new initiative to begin looking for ways to address the disproportionate incidences of HIV/AIDS among African-Americans, and is seeking more federal funds for prevention, outreach and treatment programs.

Appointing Asian-American leaders

Asian Americans are leaders in the Schwarzenegger administration and in many prominent government positions. They include A.G. Kawamura, Secretary of the Department of Food and Agriculture, and numerous judges like Roger Ito and Lawrence Cho of the Los Angeles Superior Court, Garrett L. Wong of the San Francisco Superior Court, and Laura Masunaga of the Siskiyou Superior Court.

Expanding the hate crimes list

To protect Californians from violence, the Governor expanded the hate crimes list, cleaned up the law to expedite prosecution, and signed a law to require the courts to help protect victims of hate crimes.



The Governor and Rabbi Boruch Shlomo Cunin of Chabad of California light the Menorah at the Capitol.

Governor Schwarzenegger talks with farm workers about his first-in-the-nation emergency heat stress guidelines.

Commemorating Jewish holidays

Governor Schwarzenegger participates in the annual Hanukkah celebration at the Capitol and issues greetings and proclamations for the High Holidays and other significant Jewish events and occasions.

Extending stay times for farm workers at migrant housing centers

Governor Schwarzenegger extended time at migrant housing centers for farm workers, and he signed a law to allow agricultural employers to enter into block lease agreements with non-profit housing developers to increase affordable housing options.

Preventing childhood lead poisoning

The Governor is continuing efforts to prevent childhood lead poisoning by prohibiting the sale of imported candies with high levels of lead and strengthening the state's oversight to monitor lead content in candy.

Protecting outdoor workers

Concerned about the fatalities of outdoor workers under California's hot summer sun, the Governor, legislative leaders and union leadership developed the nation's first heat regulations to protect farm workers, landscapers, highway workers and other construction workers.



"These emergency regulations are a historic breakthrough for farm workers. Governor Schwarzenegger has done what three previous governors didn't do."

Arturo Rodriquez
United Farm Workers President

Diverse Communities (continued)

Governor Schwarzenegger and Baja California Governor Eugenio Elorduy wave at students in Mexico from a California middle school during the inaugural cross-border, sister school videoconference.

Combating infectious disease

California officials collaborated with Mexican counterparts to implement cross-border surveillance projects that protect communities on both sides against infectious diseases such as West Nile virus, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS. Their collaboration also includes work on a binational guide for emergency response.

Enhancing funding for bilingual medical and dental clinics

The Governor enhanced funding for community clinics for bilingual primary medical and dental care services, nutrition counseling and health education for seasonal and migrant workers. This program has awarded more than \$15 million in annual grants to community-based organizations.

Working with California's African-American leaders

African-Americans are prominent in the top ranks of the Schwarzenegger administration, including Roderick Hickman, Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Walt Allen, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation; Cassandra Pye, former Deputy Chief of Staff; Greta Juanita Wallace, Director of the Department of Child Support Services; Barbara Gothard Thompson, member of the Community Colleges Board of Governors; and Herbert Carter, member of the University of California Board of Trustees; as well as many others.

Designating the Ruben Salazar Memorial Highway

Governor Schwarzenegger designated a portion of State Highway Route 710 in Los Angeles as the Ruben Salazar Memorial Highway in honor of the Chihuahua, Mexico-born Korean War veteran who devoted his life to the fair treatment of Mexican-Americans.



The First Lady visits with dancers at the Lula Washington Dance Theatre, established by Minerva Award winner Lula Washington to teach dance as a tool to develop confidence to be successful in life.



Remembering the Holocaust

In honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day, the Governor observed Yom HaShoah at the Los Angeles Holocaust Monument and met with Holocaust survivors in the state Capitol. In recognition of his efforts to promote tolerance, the Governor was honored with the Global Ambassador of Hope Award by the March of the Living.

Outlawing the cruel practice of human trafficking

To protect innocent lives, the Governor signed legislation making it a crime to participate in the cruel practice of human trafficking. The legislation creates a task force to look for common-sense solutions to stop the heinous practice of human trafficking.

Improving communication between hospital and patient

The Governor supported new regulations requiring hospitals and clinics to include a patient's principal language on his or her record to help improve communication between hospital staff and patients.

Recognizing the valuable contributions of Asian Pacific Islanders

Governor Schwarzenegger recognized May 2005 as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month to demonstrate the valuable contributions of Asian Pacific Islanders on our culture and in our communities.

Governor Schwarzenegger shares a laugh before speaking at the Black Chamber of Commerce annual conference.



Diverse Communities (continued)

The First Lady meets in China with Wang Xingjuan, founder of the the Beijing Maple Women's Center, promoting the idea that women are great "architects of change" in their home, community and country.



Traveling to China and Japan

The Governor traveled to Asia on trade missions to promote greater access for California Grown products, business investment in California companies, and more travel.

Giving Mexican-Americans more freedom in their healthcare choices

The Governor signed a law to allow Mexicans who become U.S. citizens to get their medical care in Mexico, through Mexican health plans that are sold and licensed in the United States.

Establishing cross-border education opportunities

The Governors of California and Baja California have commenced a number of work-groups, including the Committee on Inter-scholastic Sports, Education and Culture, which is operating a sister school program and is planning a joint soccer tournament in the summer.



Governor Schwarzenegger meets with Holocaust survivors.



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